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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no incongruity. In fact, Madras Province is taking up the Machkund Project which lies on the Orissa area."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Has there been an agreement between the proposed Andhra Province as will be constituted and this Government, before arriving at this arrangement? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Partition Committee has made certain proposals and all that has been approved by the Cabinet. The future Governments will also come to definite understanding on this question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" What is the competency of the Partition Committee to deal with an administrative matter like this? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It does not arise out of this question any way."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is the Hon. Minister quite sure that they will come to an agreement? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no doubt about it." (Laughter.)

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Will the Government tag on the whole of Tungabhadra Project area to Andhra Province, as the site is at the seat of the Telugu empire (Vizianagar Empire)? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As is proposed, the Tungabhadra Project area will be controlled by the Andhra Government."

Special fuel coupe in Bairlute Range in Kurnool district.

* 89 *Q.*—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the **Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—**

(*a*) when the special fuel coupe in Bairlute Range in Kurnool district was given on contract ;

(*b*) whether there was any tender for a higher sum ;

(*c*) how many extensions have been given to work the **coupe ; and**

(*d*) whether there is any application now from the contractor for further extension of time?

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" (*a*) The coupe in question was sold in auction on 20th May 1947. The sale was confirmed on 7th June 1947 and the contractor executed the agreement with the Forest Department on 18th June 1947, when he was permitted to begin work.

" (*b*) A petition, dated 22nd May 1947, from one **Janab M. Mahaboob of Atmakur, was received by the District Forest Officer, Kurnool West Division, on 23rd May 1947 offering** Rs. 30–8–0 per acre as against Rs. 26–8–0 per acre fetched **in the auction sale held on 20th May 1947, but the tender**

was rejected as it was a post-auction offer and the auction was confirmed by the Conservator, Bellary Circle on 31st May 1947.

" (c) Two extensions were granted. The first was from 1st April 1948 to 30th June 1948 and was granted by the Conservator, Bellary Circle. The order of extension reached the Contractor on 19th May 1948. The second extension was up to 30th June 1949 and was granted by the Chief Conservator of Forests on 30th September 1948.

" (d) An application for further extension of time for the removal of the felled produce in the coupe was received and rejected by the Chief Conservator of Forests on 14th October 1949."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know whether Government have imposed on themselves a ban to give extension to contractors to work their coupes? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" No, Sir, it is not possible."

Names of factories that prepare power alcohol.

* 90 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. Minister for Industries be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 252 on the 19th March 1949—

(a) the names of factories which offered to undertake the preparation of power alcohol and the quantity each was prepared to manufacture;

(b) the names of factories and the quantity for each recommended to the Government of India;

(c) the names of factories and the target for each approved by the Government of India;

(d) whether the approved factories have agreed to undertake the manufacture of power alcohol;

(e) whether the representatives of sugar manufacturers have stipulated any conditions for the manufacture of power alcohol, and if so, whether this Government or the Government of India have accepted them;

(f) whether arrangements for the manufacture of power alcohol have been finalized;

(g) what the result of the correspondence with the Government of India is in regard to the manufacture of power alcohol by the Hospet factory; and

(h) whether, in view of the shortage of petrol, the Government propose to expedite the completion of these projects?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Industries) :—" (a) A statement [a] containing the information is placed on the table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 1030–1031 infra.